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SUBJ: SPANGENBERG ON BERLIN

1. SUMMARY. FRG PLENIPOTENTIARY IN BERLIN, DIETRICH SPANGENBERG, IN FIRST MAJOR BERLIN ADDRESS OCTOBER 15, APPEALED FOR MORE ECONOMIC SOLIDARITY WITH BERLIN, BUT ALSO URGED BERLINERS TO DO MORE TO HELP THEMSELVES. END SUMMARY.

2. SPANGENBERG USED OCCASION OF SPEECH TO SOCIETY OF BERLIN BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS, HIS FIRST MAJOR PRONOUNCEMENT SINCE ASSUMING HIS DUTIES ON JULY 1, TO CALL ON PRIVATE GERMAN ECONOMIC GROUPS, TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE RENEWED SOLIDARITY WITH BERLIN BY ARRANGING FOR MORE OFFICES AND MEETINGS IN BERLIN.

3. SPANGENBERG CAUTIONED BERLINERS THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD "SUBSIDY MENTALITY" IN THEIR CITY, AND DECRIED WHAT HE TERMED ABSENCE OF CIVIC PRIDE IN BERLIN

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AND LACK OF PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS FOR CULTURAL AND

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PREVALENT IN OTHER CITIES.  
HE ADDED THAT HE WAS TROUBLED BY SENSE OF DESPONDENCY IN  
BERLIN, WHICH, WITH ADVENT OF QUADRIpartite AGREE-  
MENT, NOT JUSTIFIED. SPANGENBERG ALSO CALLED IT  
"SHAMEFUL" THAT MANY BERLINERS HAVE STOPPED VISITING  
EAST BERLIN BECAUSE OF INCREASE IN COMPULSORY CURRENCY  
EXCHANGE.

4. REFERRING TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S FORTHCOMING  
MOSCOW VISIT, SPANGENBERG SAID THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE  
REMINDING THAT BERLIN REMAINED BAROMETER OF DETENTE.  
HE ADDED VISIT COULD BRING "PROGRESS BUT ALSO RETRO-  
GRESSION".SELIGMANN

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